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## Faculty & Staff



Steve Hall

Head of School

Mr. Steve Hall received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Grove City College in Pennsylvania. He comes to us with administrative and leadership skills acquired through 20 years' experience working in management and engineering. He has also honed his leadership and strategic planning skills through his involvement with a humanitarian mission ("Won-By-One to Jamaica"), his church, and his advocacy work with Thompson Child and Family Focus. As a certified Therapeutic Foster Parent himself, Mr. Hall is known in the Charlotte community as a leader who has a heart and passion for helping underprivileged children.



Debi Preston

Principal

Deborah Preston has a passion for Christian education that has led her to serve for more than 25 years in numerous churches and Christian schools as teacher, Christian Education Director, and now principal at Brookstone Schools. She has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels and brings a wealth of knowledge to Brookstone. She views her work as service and her day to day interactions with students, teachers, and parents as ministry. Her love for the Lord Jesus Christ continues to be the driving force behind her tireless dedication to furthering Christian Education.

Suzanne Wilson

Director of Advancement

Suzanne Wilson has served at Brookstone since its foundation in 2001. She has a BA from Emory University, a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Glasgow in Scotland,



and a Certification in Learning Disabilities from UNC-Charlotte. As Brookstone's principal administrator for the first eight years, Suzanne holds deep convictions about holding all children and faculty to high standards of academic excellence and Christian character.



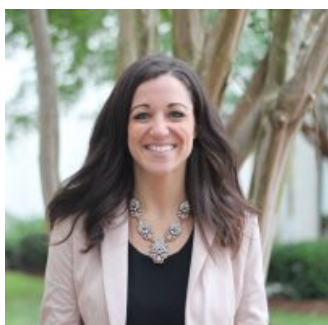
**Lauren Hogan**  
Kindergarten Teacher

Lauren Hogan graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Elementary and Special Education. She has been involved with Brookstone for several years through summer camp, and considers it a dream come true to work here as a teacher. This is her first year teaching and she is excited to impact children through education, but also to teach them more about the Lord.



**Shannon Montgomery**  
Kindergarten teacher

Shannon Montgomery graduated from UNCC with a BA in Elementary Education and has more than a decade of teaching experience in both public and private school settings. Shannon has a passion for teaching kindergarten and is excited to be a part of Brookstone with its mission of equipping children academically, socially and spiritually. She is blessed to be a mother of two children.

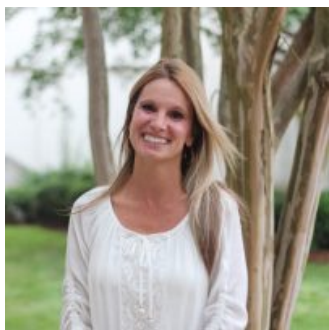


**Kelly Carmola**  
First Grade Teacher

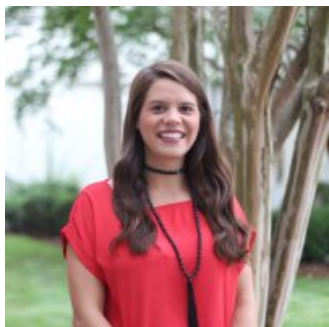
Kelly Carmola graduated from UNC Wilmington with a BA in Elementary Education and a concentration in Spanish. Kelly also has a Master's degree in Reading Education from UNC Charlotte. Kelly has worked with kids with significant disabilities. She has a passion for teaching children and helping them become closer to Christ.

**Kelly Novosolich**  
First Grade Teacher

Kelly Novosolich graduated from Trinity College of Florida with an AA in Biblical Studies and a BA in Business Management. Kelly fell in love with education while homeschooling her twin



sons, which led her to attend Wingate's MAT program to earn her teaching license. She spent her first year of teaching at CMS subbing and teaching in a special needs classroom at Lansdowne Elementary.



### Lilla Flora

Second grade teacher

Lilla Flora graduated from Ole Miss with a BA in Elementary Education. She was a part of the Charlotte Fellows Program in 2015, which lead her to volunteer at Brookstone and subsequently begin her career here. She has a passion for walking alongside children as they grow both spiritually and academically.



### Jai'Eisha Huntley

Second Grade Teacher

Jai'Eisha Huntley graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She has had a passion for teaching from a very young age and it warms her heart when children realize they are all capable of learning and can use what they learn to reach their overall goals in life.



### Kathy Acuff

Third grade teacher

Kathy Acuff graduated from David Lipscomb University with a BA degree in Elementary Education and a double minor in computers and math. She has lived in Charlotte for over 14 years and is the proud mother of three boys. Kathy has a passion for teaching and working with children to help them discover their God-given gifts.

### Lauren Lawrence

Third Grade Teacher

Lauren received her teaching degree from Lee University in Cleveland, TN, where she met her husband. Lauren has over 30 years of teaching experience, teaching third graders for the past



7 years. She has a passion for building relationships with her students so she can impact their lives for Christ.



Rachel Pavelek  
Fourth grade teacher



Sydney Spangler  
Middle school math

Sydney graduated from Wake Forest University with a BA in Mathematics and a minor in Secondary Education. She loves helping students learn to critically think and solve problems through teaching mathematics. She has a passion for helping students realize their capabilities and talents in order to achieve their goals in life.



Michelle Kovack  
Middle school science & history

Michelle graduated from Penn State University with a BS degree in Biology/Ecology. She has been working in education/environmental education for almost 30 years. Her work has allowed her the opportunity to teach all ages around the globe. Her husband of 12 years is Mark, and she has one step-daughter, Hana, a freshman in college.

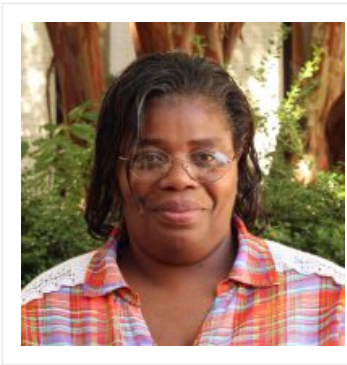
Donna Cloud  
Bible Teacher / NILD Therapist

Donna Cloud has a BS in Business from Johnson C. Smith University and a Master's degree in Christian Education. Prior to her career in teaching, Donna worked with the Federal Reserve





Bank of Charlotte in accounting for 10 years. Donna has a heart for evangelism, education and children.



**Melfrieda Logan**  
Office Administrator

Melfrieda joined the staff of Brookstone in 2014 after years of serving as a volunteer. She previously worked as the leader of camp and after school programs for five years at the Steele Creek YMCA. Frieda keeps students, staff, and guests smiling at Brookstone through her continual kindness and servant's attitude.



**Michelle Baldwin**  
Alumni relations



**Pam Shuford**  
Scholarship Assistant

Pam Shuford has a BA from the University of South Carolina and a Certificate in Bible from Columbia International University. Her background is in database development, computer programming and office management. Pam loves working with children and using her technical skills to assist the teachers and staff at Brookstone. She is married, has four adult children and five grandchildren.

**Jolinda Boelkins**

Jolinda Boelkins graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. in Accounting and



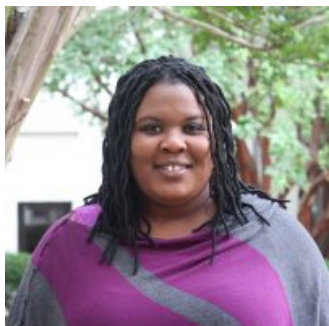
earned her Certified Public Accountant's license. She is mom to 3 children aged 14 to 18 - Middle School to College. She became a Lunch Buddy at Brookstone in 2010 and appreciates the passion of this school. Jolinda joined Brookstone in January 2016.



### Laura Townsend

Marketing and Communications Manager

Laura Townsend graduated from the University of Georgia with a BA in Communications. Before coming to Brookstone, she worked at a public relations agency in Charlotte on sports and lifestyle brands. Laura loves the Lord and is grateful to use the gifts He has given her to serve others in her role as Marketing and Communications Manager.



### Nah Darkwa

Database Manager

Nah Darkwa received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Banking and Finance from University of Ghana and her Master of Business Administration from the University of Akron. She loves working with numbers and organizing and has a passion for equipping and preparing the next generation of leaders through sowing seeds of wisdom. The combination of the two is the reason she finds herself at Brookstone Schools.



### PJ Christensen

Advancement administrator

### Ray Kale Jackson

After school coordinator

Ray Kale Jackson majored in Early Childhood Education at Cuyahoga Community College. In the last 10 years she has served as an assistant, a lead teacher, and director of various



summer and afterschool programs. Ray Kale has also worked with students with special needs. She has a passion for meeting the academic and spiritual needs of each child.



## Eric Maust

Systems Developer

Eric Maust graduated from Grove City College with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He came to Charlotte and interned at Brookstone through the Charlotte Fellows program. Now as a staff member, he loves to problem-solve and develop the systems of the school, while learning from the wealth of wisdom within the Brookstone family.

## About

Brookstone Schools offers an opportunity for parents who want a choice in how they educate their children but are unable to afford a private Christian education. Our students learn not only facts, but how to use this knowledge in all aspects of their lives. They are learning to be polite, mature, disciplined scholars, and leaders who live in accordance with Judeo-Christian values.

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